

# **U.S. Probation Office**

## **Speakers Bureau**

The Speakers Bureau of the U.S. Probation Office in the Eastern District of Missouri is dedicated to informing the community about the function and purpose of the U.S. Probation Office through presentations at local schools, colleges, and civic and professional organizations.



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The Speakers Bureau of the U.S. Probation Office in the Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis, is available to interested schools, civic, church, and professional organizations. U.S. Probation Officers are available to speak on a variety of topics relating to their work in investigating and supervising criminal offenders

for the federal court. To schedule a speaker or obtain more information, contact the U.S. Probation Office, St. Louis, Missouri, at 314-244-6700, or visit the probation office's web site at [www.moep.uscourts.gov](http://www.moep.uscourts.gov).

## Available Topics

### The Work of the U.S. Probation Office

The U.S. Probation Office performs two basic functions: conducts presentence investigations and supervises offenders for the U.S. District Court. U.S. Probation Officers work closely with offenders, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement agents, treatment agencies, and others, and perform a wide variety of tasks. The primary goals of the U.S. Probation Office are to protect the community and bring about long-term positive change in individuals under supervision.

### Introduction to Sentencing in the Federal Courts

The federal court has its own unique processes and procedures. A licensed attorney will discuss these matters as well as the use of the presentence report for sentencing purposes.

### Global Positioning Tracking of Offenders

The U.S. Probation Office often uses Global Positioning System (GPS) to track offenders' movement. This presentation explains how it works, with a live demonstration.

### Fed Facts: The Real Deal

Information pertaining to federal drug prosecution and penalties is critical to society's youth and young adults, as they prepare to make crucial decisions that will affect them for the rest of their lives. This program, which is an interactive tool using video recorded scenarios, teaches the consequences of illegal drug involvement to middle school, high school, and college students. The program provides an overview of federal penalties and attempts to dispel some youthful misconceptions concerning the legal consequences of drug involvement.

### The U.S. Probation Office Internship Program

The U.S. Probation Office in the Eastern District of Missouri provides a variety of students with the opportunity to participate in our internship program. Students are selected from local universities and are enrolled in many programs. Majors include, but are not limited to, social work, criminal justice, psychology, and business administration. The students are responsible for maintaining caseloads, conducting presentence investigation interviews, and various other tasks. Students learn an overview of the federal judicial system and how the District Court functions. In addition, students gain the tools needed for a successful career.

### Overview of the Sentencing Guidelines

This presentation by a licensed attorney provides general information about the workings of the sentencing guidelines in U.S. District Court. It also discusses evolving sentencing guidelines issues, including the relevant case law and statutory changes.

### Internet Safety for Children

The Internet can be a dangerous place. An automation specialist will provide information about the dangers of the Internet and how to protect children.

### The Employment Program

An unemployed ex-offender is significantly more likely to return to prison than an employed ex-offender. Our employment team conducts mock job fairs in prisons, organizes job fairs in the community, offers individual employment assistance, and refers ex-offenders to community partners for job readiness and skills training. Our team also trains other professionals throughout the country in understanding and providing employment services to this unique population.

### The Effects of Substance Abuse on Crime and Supervision

Addiction often leads to criminal behavior. This presentation discusses the relationship between addiction and criminal behavior, providing statistics relating to drug abusers in prison as well as success rates of recovered individuals vs. return users.

### Special Offender Supervision Team (SOST)

The U.S. Probation Office SOST is responsible for the supervision of federal offenders who have committed crimes or have been involved in organized crime. The unit relies heavily on collaboration with federal, state, and local agencies.

### Special Enforcement Team

Many offenders have a special condition of supervision which requires them to submit to searches of their homes and vehicles. Learn under what conditions the probation office conducts searches, how they are conducted, and how evidence and information obtained from searches is used.

### Housing for Felony Offenders

The offender and the community benefit when an offender is able to obtain and maintain housing. Learn how the probation office works with offenders to help them obtain and maintain suitable housing.

### Mental Health Issues in Community Corrections

A significant percentage of the offenders on federal supervision have mental health problems. This presentation by a licensed clinical social worker will discuss current mental health issues in community corrections. The discussion will include the competency process as well as forensic mental health issues.

### White Collar Crime

Financial fraud accounts for almost 20% of the criminal convictions in U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Missouri. This includes identity theft, which is increasing at an alarming rate. Financial fraud and white collar offenders present unique challenges to probation officers. Not only are the offenses often complicated, but probation officers are charged with collecting restitution for innocent victims and at the same time ensuring that offenders do not re-offend.